## **Illnesses and COVID-19**

## COVID-19

As a setting we are keeping up to date with Public Health England in regard to advice for schools and educational settings. School are also sharing updates, that they are receiving, from DFE and ODST with us.

We held a committee meeting yesterday to discuss the policies involved should we be told to close in regard to employees and families. So like the government, we have a plan in place! Obviously, like you, we want to maintain the health of all our staff, their families, as well as the children and families that attend our setting.

We are supervising children in Preschool in hand washing and asking the school children to wash their hands as they come in from school as well as usual times, before eating and after using the toilet.

## **General Illnesses**

We would like to reiterate points from our "Managing Sickness Policy" around general sickness:-

- If your child appears unwell before they come, please do not bring them to preschool.
- After Sickness and/ or diarrhoea- keep children home for 48 hours
- Where children have been prescribed antibiotics for an infectious illness or complaint, keep them at home for 48 hours.
- If children appear unwell during the day for example, if they have a temperature, sickness, diarrhoea or pains, particularly in the head or stomach – we will call the parents, to collect the child, or to send a known carer to collect the child on their behalf.

It is essential that you let us know if you have given your child any medication, including Calpol before attending. Generally, if you feel your child needs Calpol to get through the day they should remain at home with you. If your child comes and they are not well enough to fully participate, we will ring you to collect them.

Many of us are working parents and we completely understand how difficult it is if your child is ill, but we have a duty of care to all children, their families, staff, their families and wider community.

If you would like to see any of our policies the main ones are available on our website northhinkseypreschool.org and hard copies are available in our canopy.

If you are ever in doubt you can email us on nhps.manager1@gmail.com or northhinkseyccclubs@gmail.com